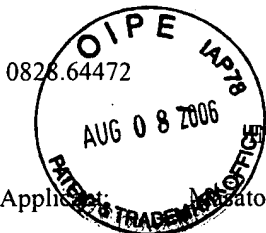


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Applicant: Masatoshi Haraguchi

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f))..... \$ 60.00  
(X) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 120.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f))..... \$ 225.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 450.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f))..... \$ 510.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 1020.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f))..... \$ 795.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$1590.00

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f))..... \$1080.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$2160.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

( ) Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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